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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to voice my opinion on the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I don't see how this case has benefited anyone. Microsoft has run a successful business and contributed a great deal to our society. Why is the government wasting our money punishing a company for fulfilling the American dream?

I am a Network Engineer and use a variety of software products in my job. I obviously use Microsoft, but I also use their competitors' products and have never had any problems in doing so. It is not Microsoft's fault that their competitors couldn't create products that were equal or better. There is a reason that consumers have repeatedly chosen Microsoft's products over other companies'.

Nonetheless, the proposed settlement is a very reasonable agreement that could end this pointless lawsuit. Although Microsoft is giving up way more than should be expected, the settlement would certainly bring on stronger competition in the computer industry. Microsoft is giving away their source codes and server protocols that are integral to the technology they've taken years to create. This will make it easier for competition server systems to interoperate with the Windows operating systems and Microsoft server systems.

Please accept this settlement for the benefit of our struggling economy. The computer industry contributes so much to the economy. Upholding this settlement will strengthen the entire computer industry and will be a benefit to consumers.

Sincerely,

Ranvir Floura